



Missouri Department of Health

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## OASIS Update for Medicare Certified Home Health Agencies

We are definitely in the transmission phase of OASIS reporting. During your survey, surveyors will be looking for proof of transmission of OASIS data and will be reviewing your policies relating to OASIS collection, encoding and transmission, etc. They will also be asking how information is transmitted from branch offices to parent offices. HCFA has determined faxes and E-Mail are not to be used to send patient identifiable information. If your branch office has a direct link to its parent, this would be acceptable. Deficiencies will be written after January 1, 2000, for failure to comply with the Conditions of Participation relating to the OASIS data process. A complete list of OASIS related websites and HELP resources for your information and use is listed below.

## OASIS Q&A

### **Question:**

If a patient is receiving therapy at home but is not homebound and payment is under Medicare Part B, does OASIS data still need to be collected and transmitted?

### **Answer:**

Remember a patient who is no longer homebound does not qualify for the Medicare home health benefit. The Medicare home health benefit can be provided to Medicare patients either under Part A or Part B. The benefit is the same, regardless of the Part, however in a therapy only case when the patient is no longer considered homebound, he/she is then "switched over" to Medicare's outpatient therapy benefit, which is available under Part B.

When this happens, the patient can actually choose to go to any provider for treatment, but can opt for the home health agency to provide the outpatient therapy – providing the agency is approved for this. At this point, the patient is no longer a home health patient, but an outpatient. The clock for Medicare and OASIS activities should then end with the last home visit covered under the home health benefit.

### **OASIS TOPIC**

Oasis Website  
What's New  
Overview  
Regulations  
Software/Forms  
Technical Information and Documents  
Education/Training  
Questions/Answers  
Mailbox

### **WEBSITE ADDRESS**

[www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/oasishmp.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/oasishmp.htm)  
[www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/hhnew.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/hhnew.htm)  
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[www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/hhedtrng.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/hhedtrng.htm)  
[www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/hhqas.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/hsqb/oasis/hhqas.htm)  
[oasis@hcfa.gov](mailto:oasis@hcfa.gov) or via link at Oasis website

## **HOME HEALTH STATUTE**

The Bureau, representation from Missouri Alliance for Home Care, the Home Health Advisory Council, and representatives from Medicaid Medical Services Home Health Program continue to work diligently to draft a new home care statute.

## **Medicare Conditions of Participation for Home Health Agencies: Patient Rights 484.10**

The saga continues – Yes, the survey staff will continue to look for exact wording on Patient Rights for home health clients, but the Bureau must admit to an error in the single page copy of the Rights that was mailed to all providers. In 484.10(f), the last line was omitted; therefore, we are attaching a corrected version. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## ***For All Agencies – Home Health, Hospice,***

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